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Member for Ferny Grove

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ *Neil*

Thank you for your letter of 16 April 2008 concerning a petition (No. 1038-08) received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 15 April 2008, from principal petitioner Mr Frank Happ, requesting implementation of an *EnergyWise* scheme.

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of taking action to reduce the impacts of climate change associated with energy consumption. One of the Queensland Government's 2006 election commitments included the expansion of an energy efficiency program to support households reduce their energy consumption. As part of the Queensland Government's \$5 million *EnergyWise* program, the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) is developing a package of energy conservation materials to help households become more energy efficient and save money on their electricity bills.

The *EnergyWise* material will include tips on how to use appliances efficiently and eliminate energy waste. Consumers will also be able to access *EnergyWise* self-auditing kits containing appliance meters, from their local public library.

Educating consumers at a young age also plays a key role in addressing the impact of energy use. The *EnergyWise* Schools Program was jointly launched by myself and the Minister for Education, Training and the Arts on 28 March 2008. The schools program aims to assist school communities audit their energy use and encourage students to adopt energy saving behaviours at home and at school.

Through the *EnergyWise* - Off Peak Campaign, DME supported 900 households in north Brisbane to participate in an air-conditioning cycling trial recently conducted by ENERGEX. This 'Cool Change' trial demonstrated the potential of air-conditioning cycling solutions to contribute to increased energy conservation and network demand management in south east Queensland. DME is working with ENERGEX and Ergon Energy to implement a similar trial targeting pool pumps. The suite of household *EnergyWise* initiatives will continue to be rolled out over the next few months.

Thank you for referring this Petition to me.

Yours sincerely

GEOFF WILSON MP
Minister for Mines and Energy



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